

# Pastors Launch Darts to Bring in the Converts

## CHURCH AIMS TO SPREAD GOSPEL

"Why Should I Join the Church?" is Subject of Rev. A. H. Kenna's Sermon.

"Why Should I Join the Church?" was the subject of the sermon of Rev. A. H. Kenna at the Epworth Memorial M. E. church last night. The text of the sermon was taken from the first 10 verses of the book of Acts. The minister said in part:

"It seems that Christ was not concerned so much with a kingdom but with the life here and now. He always spoke of the kingdom of God. But since the times of Christ things have changed to a great extent of the truth. We mean what Jesus meant. We must have organized forces to accomplish a definite object. Why should I join the church? This question is seldom answered by the great majority of men. They are prone to think that they can live just as well outside as they can in the folds of the church."

"Why do all of the churches set aside these three weeks and labor together with the local press of the city to bring men to Christ? Are these people wrong? Have they been mistaken? Then we ought to ask ourselves why we do or do not belong to the Christian religion."

"Now Jesus looking down through the centuries knows that He had to have a militant institution, and the church has been this one great institution by which Christ has spread His influence. Whenever a man wishes to build or buy a house he usually tries to get near a tower, because you feel that the people in that neighborhood are God-fearing people."

"Suppose everybody followed the man outside. There would be no church. And it is easily seen that the work of his body, like all other institutions, must be done in unison. If you believe that Jesus has commanded you to do these things, what are you going to say? Finally, you need the help of God, and the church needs you."

## MINISTERS OF CITY HEAR REV. J. P. HALE

"Our Business" is Subject of Talk. Thank Papers For Their Aid.

Rev. John P. Hale of Lafayette, state superintendent of Presbyterian missions, who is conducting the revival meetings at Trinity Presbyterian church, spoke on "Our Business" in which he pointed out the various conceptions of Christianity, at the Ministerial association meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Monday morning. A short talk was given by Miss Florence Wattles, who is in the city to organize the equal suffrage movement.

"Christ's conception was that the entire universe was a kingdom," said Rev. Hale. "He showed this when he established the Lord's prayer. 'Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.' Paul's conception was an organized church with its prophets and apostles. The conception of the medieval church was the sacerdotal idea, in which all authority was vested in the priests."

"During the reformation Martin Luther's conception was that authority should be vested in the Bible rather than the priest. The Wesleyan movement brought out the idea of individual salvation for eternity."

"Our business today is to save men for time as well as eternity. We must save their bodies as well as their souls. We must help them in their work and in their social life."

Miss Wattles' talk was for the purpose of learning through the ministers if there were any church organizations interested in the suffrage movement. A resolution was adopted instructing the secretary, Rev. W. H. Freshley, to write to the newspapers, thanking them for their work in the revival campaign. Col. John Dean of the New York training school of the Salvation Army will speak at the meeting next week.

## PARABLE USED TO SHOW GOD'S LOVE

Rev. William Lampin Speaks on the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

"God revealed His Great love for us in the wonderful gift to us of His Son, who redeemed you and redeemed me," was the keynote of the sermon of Rev. William Lampin, who spoke to the congregation of the First Church of the Brethren on the sublime love of God for man as exemplified in the parable of the prodigal son.

"I believe that the specific reason why Christ gave us the parable of the prodigal son was not that we might sin and abhor the evil ways of the son; nor yet that we might draw a lesson from the uncharitable actions of the elder brother; but that we might fix our eyes on the father of the prodigal son and learn from him of the sublime love that God has for all of His erring children."

In answer to the call that was extended at the end of the sermon four children returned and were welcomed into the house of God.

## SALVATION COMES WHEN UNSAVED REPENT SINS

God is Ready to Enter Heart of Vildest Person in South Bend.

"The Conversion of Zaccheus" was the subject of the sermon given last night by Rev. A. W. Smith at the River Park M. E. church. Rev. C. C. Jordan of North Liberty, who will assist in the preaching later in the week, led the singing and sang a solo at last night's services. "Jesus was passing through Jericho, going to Jerusalem. The people went to meet Him. Among them was Zaccheus, the publican. He sought Jesus. It was his last opportunity to see Him at Jericho, for Jesus never passed that way again. There are folks who tonight will have their last opportunity of seeking Jesus."

"Because Zaccheus was a little man, as he stood in the crowd he could not see Jesus over the heads of the people, so he climbed into a sycamore tree to see Him. He was rewarded for his effort. He saw his Saviour. If the unsaved will seek Jesus as earnestly as Zaccheus tried to see Him they will find their Saviour."

"But Jesus saw Zaccheus. Jesus always sees the one who seeks to find Him. "Zaccheus was saved as a result of seeing Jesus. The Saviour made Himself a self-appointed guest at the home of the little man. His purpose was to bless the man. The Saviour is ready to enter the heart of the unsaved to bless him. He will bless all who seek Him."

"Zaccheus showed his penitence by declaring the consecration of his wealth and by making restitution for the wrongs he had done his fellow men. Then Jesus announced the salvation of the man. When the unsaved repent and bring forth fruits of repentance they may know that they are saved."

## MANY WILL HAVE TO PAY UP BILLS

Rev. R. I. Champion Says Evaders of Just Debts Cannot Get Salvation.

"There's a lot of people that will have to clean up their grocery bills before they will be able to enter into the joy of salvation," asserted Rev. R. I. Champion at the Trinity M. E. church last night in his sermon, "Ways to Heaven, or Six Steps to the Throne." The minister criticized severely those people who pretend to be good church members and Christians who will not pay their just debts and "play square" with their fellow men. Portions of his sermon were indictments of those people who are anxious to appear good but are not willing to undergo what might be termed some sacrifices to be really righteous.

"There are six steps to the throne of God," asserted Rev. Champion. "They are conviction, repentance, sanctification, regeneration, justification and translation. "Conviction means the proving of your guilt, and you cannot repent until you have really broken from sin. Regeneration comes when work is done in us and justification is the work done for us."

"Sanctification. Some men are more afraid of this word than they are of sin. Being sanctified does not mean being perfect, but means having a good start toward being perfect."

"If a man tells you that he could not sin if he wanted to you had better put your hand on your wallet or he may have it in about 15 minutes. Justification warms the heart and makes men want to help their more unfortunate brethren. "Translation means that there is no death, that you will not pass through the dark valleys in your journey to the throne. In translation there is no death, it is just the changing from one room to another."

There were no conversions, although 40 members of the church came forward and reconsecrated themselves to the work of Christ, while others asked that prayers might be offered for them.

## EVANGELIST IN CHARGE

Rev. W. S. Bell Speaks at First Brethren Church.

Evangelist Rev. W. S. Bell of the Pacific coast, spoke for the first time during the revival here, when he delivered an eloquent sermon at the First Brethren church. Stull and Michigan sts., on the subject, "Penitence."

Dr. Bell was greeted by a large audience and his vivid description of the Holy Spirit was well received. He will speak this evening and will continue throughout the revival.

He will use for his topic this evening, "Two Church Members." The services will start at 7:30 o'clock. The choir will render sacred songs before the sermon.

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## SIXTEEN ACCEPT AT GRACE CHURCH

Dr. Joseph C. Ludgate Addresses Sunday School Members.

Sixteen converts, members of the Sunday school, were made last night at the Grace M. E. church following the sermon of Dr. Joseph C. Ludgate of Wheaton, Ill., special evangelist at the church during the simultaneous campaign.

Dr. Ludgate's sermon was delivered primarily to the members of the Sunday school, who attended the evening services in body. His topic was "The Manly Boy," and he told in graphic detail the story of Daniel. In order to drive home the point which he was making Dr. Ludgate had Pearce Wood, one of the boys of the Sunday school, assist him. About the arms of the lad Dr. Ludgate tied a single strand of thread. This was likened to a bad habit.

The boy was able to break the single strand, and also thread which had been doubled, illustrative, the speaker said, of the power which the individual has to break two habits. Then Dr. Ludgate tied a third about the boy's wrists which had been looped seven times, and which he was unable to break. These strands, he said, might be likened unto bad habits such as smoking, swearing, the moving picture, gossiping in church, drinking intoxicants, lying, desecrating the Sabbath, stealing, etc.

Power of Habit. "If on Monday the boy does something bad, at night he is able to do something good, and get away from it. If on Tuesday he again repeats the bad habit, he still has opportunity to break away," said the evangelist. "But if he does it every day in the week for seven consecutive days his chances are limited."

When Dr. Ludgate severed the seven threads about the boy's wrists with a razor he likened the instrument to the word of God, which was sharp and keen.

"When Daniel was a prisoner at Babylon, delegated to study by his captor for a career of counselor and sage, he was given of the king's food and the best of wine to eat. But Daniel did not defile his body with the king's food. Instead he asked for mush and water or its equivalent."

"His jailor said that were he to give him to eat of the plain food, such as he asked for, and should he lose flesh, the king, spying this, would cut off his head for disobeying orders. But Daniel asked that he be put to the test. In three years' time he was the finest specimen in the institution, excelling his associates in athletic prowess and mental development."

"He had a purpose in his heart. Boys and girls, don't defile your minds through reading immoral books, through telling and listening to foul stories, and by making your ears open to thoughts that are harmful. Don't lend your ears to things that are bad."

Denouement Movies. "The moving picture is a splendid thing when it is properly used. It serves as an intellectual development and enlightenment and for uplift. But, unfortunately, the moving picture has fallen into the hands of them who would make money. They have brought the pictures to show the seamy side of life, that which is shameful. In Chicago not long ago 50 boys rounded up by the police for robbing and looting, attributed their downfall to the fact that they saw it done in the moving picture, and oh how easy it seemed."

## MISSIONARY SPEAKS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

Chinese Are Among the Most Liberal Contributors to the Church.

R. A. Doan, the Ohio business man who forsok his business to do the work of the church, spoke on what he considered the most important thing in the world, at the First Christian church last night. It was on the relationship of money, life and God. "It is the teaching of Jesus that we may give everything to the church but it profits nothing if we do not give our love," said Mr. Doan, who has been a missionary for a period and who related of conditions the world over. He has spent many years in China and he told of many instances which show that these people, who have been Christians but a few years, are some of the most liberal people to the church today.

The speaker declared that he was not used to speaking on the money subject to the congregation for the greater part of his life. However, this subject is an important one and is one that the congregation should hear."

"The persons who sacrifice to give money to the church are the ones who deserve the credit. I have known cases where the man and wife of a family deprived themselves of pleasures simply so that they might give money to the church. The sum they contributed was \$500 in five years, but I really believe they got more good and enjoyment out of it than the rich man who gave one million."

## PHYSICAL WANTS ARE LIKE SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Man Thirsts for Knowledge and Power to Overcome Evil in Life.

Rev. Daniel D. Speicher spoke on "The Gracious Invitation," Isaiah 55:1-3, at the Grace Evangelical church last night. "Physical thirst and wants are gratified on this earth by water, wine and milk," declared Rev. Speicher, "and likewise they are emblems of our spiritual needs. All of us know the many wants of the soul. Man thirsts for forgiveness and for God. He thirsts for a new heart and for life. He thirsts with a noble ambition and longing for more of God's help in this life. He thirsts for knowledge and for power to overcome evil. Lastly, he thirsts for the communion of saints and for sympathy and love."

"The endeavor to buy these things, namely, getting them by his own efforts, costs a far greater effort than the effort needed to get within the sacred bounds of Christianity. When man becomes aware of his wants he will examine his resources and will put forth an effort to supply them. So if the unconverted man at times keenly feels his spiritual needs, why should he not be as sensible and as resourceful and put forth an effort to supply them?"

"Perhaps someone may wonder why I use the term buy, if we are to secure these spiritual goods without money. It implies a transaction. There is something that we can do, something that we must do. Christ said that the merchantman seeking goodly pearls sold all that he had in order to buy the pearl of great price. In this transaction, then, it means that we are to renounce the world, the flesh and the devil. It results in a living faith in God, thereby winning the grace of the Lord."

## SAME DESERTERS AS IN OLD DAYS

Many Men Like Demas in World Declares Rev. James L. Gardiner.

"The Men Who Desert the Lord" was the topic of Rev. James L. Gardiner's sermon at the St. Paul's Memorial M. E. church last night. The pastor explained the reasons for men deserting their Lord, and following the service one man offered himself to the service of the church and Christ.

In an after meeting of the Brotherhood of the church 47 men asked to be made members of the organization as a result of the campaign which has been put on by the Brotherhood during the past few days.

Rev. Gardiner took as his text Second Timothy 4:10, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." "What do we mean by the world?" asked the pastor. "The world means anything that draws men from Christ. The world means anything that makes man less a Christian. The world means anything that man takes that ought to be given to God. The world is that which lowers the tone of a man's religious experience. In a word, it is anything that turns him away from Christ."

"Men desert Christ today the same as they did the days of Demas. Men forsake Christ for love of evil associates. Others forsake Him because of moral cowardice."

Dr. Gardiner will talk tonight upon the topic, "At the Fork in the Road." This will be a message to the undecided and is expected to be one of the most interesting of the revival.

On Wednesday night the services will be for women. Every one is invited, but the sermon will be especially for the women, the topic being "The Courage of Pilate's Wife." Members of the Dorcas society, of the Women's guild and of the Women's Missionary society are making strenuous efforts to bring out an unusually large crowd for Wednesday night.

## SELF-DECEPTION IS A DEVICE OF SATAN

Makes Men Believe They Are Sufficient Without God's Help.

"Christianity is the most tremendous business in the world," declared Rev. A. V. Babbs in an appeal addressed particularly to the young men, last night at the Stull Memorial M. E. church, before an unusually large crowd. Taking as his text Paul's epistle to the Galatians, 6:7, "Be not deceived. God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows that also will he reap," Rev. Babbs delivered a forceful sermon full of appeal and timely warnings.

"Self-deception is a common device of Satan, by which he works upon the consciences of Christians and makes the mole hole of their little sins look mountain high," declared Rev. Babbs. "But," he continued, "it is also used by him to wrap those outside the pale of Christianity around with a veil of complacency, so that they will self-content and self-deception they are willing to continue through life without taking the step that will lead them to salvation."

## CHRIST IS GUIDE TO RIGHT LIVING

Rev. O. E. Tomes Opens Series at Indiana Av. Christian Church.

Rev. O. E. Tomes, pastor of the First Christian church of Fort Wayne, delivered his first sermon at the Indiana Avenue Christian church last night, having as a subject "Christ in the World." He was delayed because of illness in his home.

In beginning his discourse Rev. Tomes dwelt upon the necessity of a proper appreciation of the merits of Christ. "He who builds his religion upon anything else than an appreciation of Christ will find at some time in life that his faith is as a house built upon sand," said Rev. Tomes.

The Speaker Outlines History. Rev. Tomes outlined the history of Christianity from the time of Christ. He described the part the Catholic church played in bringing Christianity intact through the chaotic social and political conditions of the middle ages. With the advent of the reformation there arose countless Protestant denominations, each claiming to be the real representative of the church of Christ.

"In view of this state of affairs, there arises the necessity of defining just what Christianity is," Rev. Tomes continued. He said in part:

Appreciation Growing. "There is today a growing appreciation of Christ in the world. This can be evidenced by a glance at the religious writings of the times."

"Do we really appreciate the position that Jesus ought to occupy in the world of today? We ought to make Jesus Christ the norm by which we live, and judge men according to His teachings. Many men who proclaim Christ forsake Him in adversity. Theirs is a weak faith, entirely different from the sincerity of belief and religious fervor of the early Christians."

"Open the Bible any place and you will find evidences of religious fire and zeal. In the gospels you walk and talk with Jesus, and feel the pulse beat of His divine love. In the epistles you find a man pouring out his heart in words of wisdom to the children of men, that they may be true. So you find yourself, directly in the presence of a glowing religious life whenever you open the Bible."

"The power of Christianity is resident in the person of Jesus Christ alone. It is not some abstract doctrine which makes men religious today, but the constant pull of the personality of Christ on the world. The thing that gets results in the building up of religion is bringing men face to face with Christ."

Need Spiritual Life. "There is a need today of an overwhelming presence of a spiritual life. Battles as great as those in the present European war have been fought out between right and wrong in the lives of individuals. Christ is the great captain who is leading the forces of righteousness in the world today."

"Christ is present with us in modern life. It is impossible that a man who would leave heaven to die an ignominious death to save the human race could neglect those He saved. The thing that gets results in our salvation as He was in any individual in those days when He stood outside the city of Jerusalem and wept over its coming ruin."

Sin Dominant. "When the world forgets Christ sin becomes dominant. Abstract truths are held sacred instead of a real divine personal Christ. Just as in the term liberty, the abstract truth is often held and believed in, while the most contrary conditions obtain in real life. For instance, all men are created free and equal, but so long as greed and avarice and hardness of heart bring injustice to the world, the terms liberty and justice are abstract."

"At the present time Christ is asking in a special manner the people of South Bend to accept His teachings and it is the duty of all sincere God-fearing people in the city to do so."

## PASTOR SHOWS NEED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Rev. J. O. Mosier Says Christians Should Aid in Conversions by Their Example.

The first of a series of sermons on the "Holy Spirit" was delivered last night at the Mizpah Evangelical church by the pastor J. O. Mosier. Following the sermon the entire congregation went forward to the altar to reconsecrate themselves.

Rev. Mosier spoke on the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian. He said this power in needed as it will bear fruit and enable the Christian to live such a life that the non-Christian will appreciate the difference and realize that he is in need of the Holy Spirit. This the pastor held is the first step in conversion.

The following classes will be in charge of the services this week: Tuesday, Young People's alliance; Wednesday, Sunshine Circle; Thursday, Delta Bible Class; Friday, the Sunday School.

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## NO SINGLE METHOD OF CONVERTING MAN

"Paul's Vision and Estimate of Gospel" Subject of Rev. A. W. Littrell.

Rev. A. W. Littrell, the evangelist from Warsaw, spoke at the Quincy st. Baptist church to a crowd that was large despite the inclement weather.

"Paul's Vision and Estimate of the Gospel" was the subject of his sermon and he began by showing how Paul loved the Bible to such an extent that he went out into the streets of Rome and, unafraid, preached the gospel."

Speaking of the conversion of Paul, the speaker pointed out that everyone would not hear the voice of God in the same manner in which He called the apostle, but that God has no single method of converting men. Rev. Littrell mentioned his own conversion and said that it occurred at 3:30 o'clock in the morning in a little town in Virginia. He said that in all probability no one else was converted at that time in that place.

Rev. Littrell will speak every night this week. The subjects of his sermons are as follows: Tonight, "Heart Failure;" Wednesday, "Sin;" Thursday, "Dry Bones;" and Friday, "Three Crosses."

## MUSICAL PROGRAM

At tonight's services at the First Presbyterian church Fred Butler will sing the following songs: "The Handwriting on the Wall," Shaw; "Is He Yours?" Harkness; "He Lifted Me," Gabriel, Gypsy Smith's favorite hymn.

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## Conversion Is a Matter of Will Says Rev. M. K. Appleby

Although a man give up everything else in the world for Christ he will not lose, was the substance of the sermon preached by Rev. M. K. Appleby, district superintendent, at the First M. E. church last night. The topic of the minister's sermon was "The Call of Matthew," in which he told of the conversion of the disciple and his subsequent reward.

"Conversion is a matter of will," asserted Rev. Appleby. "It is but man's part in the process of salvation, while regeneration is God's part. Most people have a false idea of conversion. They seem to think that they have to get themselves right before they are fit to be disciples, but no preparation is required."

"Matthew was a tax gatherer and therefore, according to the notion of the Jews of his day, was a sort of grafter. Matthew did not have to make any preparation to be converted. All he had to do was to rise up and follow Christ, leaving his evil profession behind him and laboring for God as he was commanded. Matthew did not lose by giving up his worldly work to follow Christ. He gained. He gained because he was made a saint and because he wrote the book of Matthew and became one of the apostles of Christ. No man ever left all and went to Christ without gaining more than he left behind."

There was no appeal for converts given, although there was an exceptionally good Monday night attendance. Tonight Rev. Henry Z. Davis will preach upon "Life Made Over." Walter Kamopoli will sing a number of native Hawaiian songs in addition to English selections. He will also play upon the native Hawaiian musical instrument, the eucalaya.

PARENTS BLAMED FOR LACK OF CHILD'S FEAR. "There is a lack of real fear of God," said Rev. Walter C. Morris in his sermon at the Wesleyan M. E. church last night. "If man would try to fear there would not be so many hypocrites."

"Parents are responsible for their children not having the proper kind of fear. God is displeased with sin and therefore whatever is opposed to righteousness should not be done. Parents must teach their children to know what is right by making them keep God's commandments. A real change of heart is necessary to keep these commandments. If you hate anyone, you break God's commandments. It is our supreme duty to the Creator to keep His commandments and one that we are under obligation to obey, especially since God has provided grace. We should perform this duty cheerfully and gladly."

"There will be a judgment day when we must go before the judgment seat of God and account for our actions. Men and women may hide their sins now, but all will be revealed then, because the nature of sin is to reveal itself and God can see all our actions."

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